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STILL NAMELESS

We are sorry to present this second issue—still nameless. Suggestions for names were very slow in appearing, but just before time to go to press they started arriving by the dozen. The Judges would have one almost selected—then a dozen new and better names would come through. They decided, therefore, to wait till all were in before choosing. Please, PLEASE, send in your names now. We have some good ones, we want some even better ones, but send them in NOW.

We have a lot of ideas for the future. Watch for special articles on "Men You Should Know" and "Places You Should Know," starting in the next issue. We all hope we will learn much more about the place we work in. If you have ideas or criticisms, send them along to us. We want them, for we wish this to be a very real "Employees' Paper."

FRIENDS OF THE DEACONESS

At the annual meeting of the Friends of the Deaconess, held at Harris Hall on October 22nd, the President announced a gift of $30,000.00 from the organization to provide an operating room amphitheatre at the Hospital in memory of Dr. Daniel Fiske Jones. Mrs. Alexander Galt Grant was re-elected President, for the coming year and other officers elected were Mrs. F. Gorham Brigham, Mrs. Henry W. Porter, Mrs. Eugene H. Mather, Mrs. Shields Warren, Miss Edith Wright, and Mrs. Zabdiel Adams.

Dr. Warren F. Cook spoke briefly about the plans for the new building, and was followed by Dr. Shields Warren, who illustrated his talk with pictures taken at Hiroshima and Bikini. He showed pictures of survivors of the Hiroshima blast; a woman whose flesh had been tattooed by the imprint of her plaid dress; a man who had lost all his hair. Tests were made to decide what materials could best withstand the rays, and it was found that heavy materials of natural fibers, not synthetic, were best, while white was found to be the best color. In speaking of American reaction to use of the bomb, Dr. Warren pointed out that innumerable lives, both American and Japanese, had been saved when the Japanese were provided an opportunity to quit the war without losing face. He feels that much unnecessary sympathy was aroused in this country, because we interpret it from the standpoint of an Occidental rather than that of a Japanese. He spoke of the experiments made on the pigs, goats and rats—experiments which are still incomplete. Mr. Cowing, our radium expert, checked everything brought on to the ship from the scene of the test to protect personnel against radiation.

At the close of Dr. Warren's address, a delicious tea was served; Mrs. Daniel Fiske Jones and Miss Sadie Hagen pouring.

ADMINISTRATION. Letters from Dorothy Bailey Welborn tell her friends that she is settled in her new bungalow and has fallen in love with Louisiana.

Mildred Pinkham, formerly in the Cashier's Office, is making a gradual but certain comeback to good health. You will remember that Mildred was seriously injured when struck by an automobile last May and spent almost four months as a patient here in the hospital. She is now convalescing at the home of relatives in New Hampshire. Her address is P. O. Box 666, Portsmouth, New Hampshire and we know she would enjoy receiving cards or letters from you.

BLOOD BANK. We of the Blood Bank have been so busy of late that all of our interests and excitement seems to be right here in the department. The nature of our work is very serious, but not grim, as many people think. Recently we had the happy experience of being able to supply a British Subject with nine pints of blood and had the necessary amount replaced for him by complete strangers. In various ways these people had learned of this stranger who was to undergo serious surgery which would require several transfusions. They realized that all of his relatives and friends were hundreds of miles away. It seems to us that if this example of kindly human relations gave the patient as much of a "lift" as it did us, his recovery must have been greatly aided. We were glad to be able to play our small part—such things make the interest and bright spots in our work.

DIETARY. Betty McNulty, employed in the Palmer kitchen since 1936, has recently been promoted to the position of Matron in that kitchen.

Sally Cushing, Baker, was married October 4th and is now Mrs. Robert Hollowell.

Mary Hart, who has been a relief worker at Deaconess for a long time, has now become a full time worker there.

Margaret Giroux, who has been a faithful worker in Harris Hall, is having to take a much needed rest.

Miss Winger, our dietitian, recently spent a week in attendance at the Convention of the American Dietetic Association.

LABORATORIES. Dr. Warren has taken to wings. By the time you read this he will have been to Washington, thence to Oklahoma, and back to N.E.D.H.

Dr. Edward Morse is back from the Army and Europe to finish out an appointment—he did take time enough to get married before returning to the lab. Our heartiest congratulations!

Mrs. Deen Cooper (Mabel Mayhew) writes that she will shortly return to her native state of Maine. She has been in nearly every state of the Union since she was married last Spring.

Doris Newcomb, formerly with us as Secretary, received her M.D. degree from Boston University in March (the only girl graduating with the class) and is now serving an internship in Pathology at the Hartford Hospital.

LAUNDRY. Our laundry has been co-operating extensively with the manufacturers in making tests of the new synthetic soapless soaps. This has required a great deal of chemical analysis, which has meant increased technical training of our Veterans who are studying Laundry and Linen Management with Mr. Emery. More of all this in a later issue.

Walter Nickerson, our former washroom foreman, has accepted the position of Laundry Manager

at Brooks Hospital. He has been serving his G.I. In-Service Training under Mr. Emery since his return to us from Belgium. Good luck, Walter.

By the way, Mr. Emery certainly keeps himself busy, with tests, with Veterans, with Laundry Conventions and, of course, the World Series.

NURSING. Miss Shrader, Miss Holman, Miss Easter and Mrs. Davis were delegates to the National Nursing Biennial Convention in Atlantic City, New Jersey, on September 23rd to 27th.

The Class of 1931 held its 15th re-union at the Fox and Hounds Club in October, with Miss Mabel McVicker, former Superintendent of Nurses, as guest of honor.

Our best wishes to Mrs. Thomas Tinsley (Mildred Cady) on her recent marriage.

Mr. Tony DiSessa, male nurse, has left to take a position in Arlington, Washington.

Members of the Deaconess Alumnae held a very successful dance on November 1st at the Sheraton. Proceeds will go to the Alumnae Scholarship awarded annually to the outstanding student of the graduating class.

The Students of the Nursing School have a very interesting and attractive school paper, "Harriscope." Watch for the third edition. Copies may be had for five cents by contacting Miss Ann Borek in Harris Hall.

RECORD ROOMS. The absence of Kay Knudsen has meant a bit more hard work for Miss Needham, our Record Room Supervisor, who normally shoulders a great deal of responsibility. A change of atmosphere was well deserved by Miss Needham, who chose New York as the spot for a few day's relaxation during the week of October 21st. Eileen Buckley, Deaconess operating room secretary, spent the weeks of October 14th and 21st at Baker as a patient, having been taken ill while on duty. Prognosis is good, however, and we all hope to see Eileen back on the job very shortly.

Old friends will be interested to learn of the marriage of Bevery Kitchen to Harry Almond. Beverly was formerly in the Palmer Record Room.

Eleanor "Scottie" Wiggins received a beautiful diamond ring from Gordon Young, Deaconess Operating Room Orderly, on her 21st birthday, October 23rd. "Scottie" and "Gordie" have been sweethearts since childhood.

PHARMACY AND PURCHASING. All of the Pharmacy girls attended a stork shower which was held October 26th for Virginia Kinter.

Mrs. Helen Stenger, formerly with the Pharmacy, was married recently in Waban to Leslie Rogers, librarian of the Boston Symphony Orchestra and an authority on copyright law. They were attended by Mrs. Lindley A. Bond and Arthur Fiedler.

Mr. Chamberlain, an ardent Red Sox rooter, was fortunate enough to secure a ticket for one of the World Series games.

SOCIAL SERVICE. The response to our request for articles of food and clothing for a social worker in France has been greatly appreciated. More gifts are needed, however, and there is still time. November 8th is the deadline. Toys and children's clothes are especially needed. A full report will be given in the next issue.

Many of us will be interested in the news of the marriage of Arline Edwards to Harry Aiken of Winthrop last summer. Miss Edwards left her position as a medical social worker here to join the American Red Cross during the war.

The 1947 Community Fund Drive in this hospital started Thursday, October 31, 1946, and ends November 27th. The goal for the entire drive is $7,000,000. Our quota $2500.

For 1947 there are 330 Red Feather services of all types which are supported by the Greater Boston Community Fund. During the coming year they will again offer the kinds of service which they gave to nearly half a million men, women, and children in 1946.

What happened to the money you gave last year? Here are a few figures to show how it was used:

5,097 persons. physically or socially handicapped, received special instruction and guidance.

222,313 young people developed skills and character through special youth programs.

33,818 days' care was given to children from disrupted homes in Red Feather day nurseries.

373,294 days' care brought love and contentment to children in numerous foster homes.

In the past, each employee has been asked to give 2½ days' pay. This year each employee is asked to give 1½ days' pay. There is no better basis on which to build a better tomorrow for all of us than to give voluntarily and generously to our Greater Boston Community Fund.

HEALTH PROGRAM—There is now an extensive employee health program at Deaconess. Report your ills to Mrs. Trout in the Nursing Office between 9:00 and 9:30 A.M. of the day you wish to see the Doctor. Dr. Brownlee is in the First Aid Room on Palmer 2 at 9:30 A.M. Monday through Saturday. In case of emergency after 10:00 A.M. contact Mrs. Trout in the Nursing Office.

BOWLING LEAGUE—Plans for a bowling league are going forward. Charlie Schraub had many replies, so he asks all who are interested (even though you may not have signed up yet) to meet him on Thursday, November 14th, at 2 o'clock in the Harris Hall Cafeteria for a few minutes. If you cannot come, send some representative for your group, that he may know just how many are interested and make plans for the most suitable evening and time.

CIRCULATION MANAGER — Your newspaper staff held its first regular monthly meeting on October 22nd. Gladys Harrison of Social Service was elected Secretary, and Lydia DeMatteo of the Record Room was elected Circulation Manager. If you know former employees who you think would like to receive the paper, send their names and addresses and enough to cover postage to Lydia and she will take care of it. By the way, items for publication must be in the hands of your reporter by the 23rd of each month.

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